

In acknowledgment and with gratitude, the West Virginia Department of Culture and History is opening a splendid exhibit entitled, "Celebrating Ninety Years of the West Virginia State Police," which will stand as a permanent display in the West Virginia State Museum, in tribute to this fine organization.

Stretching over 90 years of history, born in the trademark forest green uniforms worn today, the West Virginia State Police force armed with 21st century tools, technologies, and expertise is the foundation for law enforcement in our democratic society. Theirs is a story of an admirable path of honor and bravery. It is one of men and women who are known, respected and recognized nationally for their efforts in law enforcement.

Throughout their proud legacy and often in the face of great change, West Virginia State Police officers have been at the ready, answering trouble, turmoil, and even tornadoes of one form or another, with speed, accuracy and more often than not, a deep understanding of those they serve. For all this we are, and will forever be, grateful.

Today, as we celebrate roads well travelled and those yet to be blazed, I share great pride with the people of West Virginia.

And, to all the men and women of the West Virginia State Police—past and present, uniformed and non-uniformed—I express my deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks for their service and commitment to the safety and security of the people of West Virginia.

I hope my colleagues here in the Congress will join me in congratulating everyone with the West Virginia State Police and their families on their 90th anniversary and offer our sincerest best wishes for their continued success.

MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REFORM ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3961, the Medicare Physician "Payment Reform Act. We recently made history when we passed H.R. 3962, the Affordable Health Care for America Act and now we must pass H.R. 3961 to guarantee access to physician-provided benefits in Medicare.

As we work to overhaul our flawed system to improve health security for all Americans, we must fix policies that consistently threaten to reduce access to care for seniors and people with disabilities. H.R. 3962 makes substantive improvements to the Medicare program. We lower Medicare drug costs, eliminate cost sharing for preventive services, and strengthen federal oversight on deceptive marketing practices in the Medicare Advantage program. Unfortunately, unless we act, Medicare physicians will face a 21 percent rate cut in less than 2 months. So, too, will physicians serving military members, retiree and families in TRICARE, where rates are linked to Medicare payments.

We need to fix that problem and create a new payment system that will fairly and adequately reimburse doctors. Time and again we have shied away from permanently fixing the

Medicare payment system. This is a time for big ideas and bold health care changes. The time to act is now. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3961.

RECOGNIZING THE SMART CAR WASH IN WOODBRIDGE, VA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a bold and innovative new business breaking ground in my district. The Smart Car Wash is raising the bar for environmental stewardship in the car wash industry with its new LEED certified conveyor car wash in Woodbridge, Virginia.

The new car wash facility will be the first such facility to achieve LEED certification from the United States Green Building Council. The building uses advanced water recycling beyond the industry standard, to include rain-water capture and advanced water cleansing with technology borrowed from the marine industry. This includes reclaiming and reusing over 90% of the water from car wash operations and using car wash chemicals that are bio-friendly. To reduce overall energy consumption by 50% most of the facility's equipment will use Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) technology.

This new venture is just one of the high quality investments businesses are making around the country. The Smart Car Wash received a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan to finance a project that will bring fifteen new jobs to the Woodbridge area. The SBA's 504 lending program recently received funding from the American Recovery Reinvestment Act to provide opportunity's to entrepreneurs hoping to show confidence in the American economy with new investments. The Smart Car Wash stands as a shining example of our nation's commitment to creating jobs and tackling the world's most pressing energy issues.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in showing our appreciation for the hard work and dedication of The Smart Car Wash team. It is through courageous investments and initiatives like this one that our country will continue to realize a robust and cutting edge economy.

KENTUCKY SPACE JOINS NASA PROJECT FOR EDUCATIONAL AND BUSINESS RESEARCH ON SPACE STATION

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kentucky Space's role in exciting new developments in space. Recently, this Kentucky enterprise partnered with NanoRacks LLC, a Houston-based aerospace company chosen by NASA to design, coordinate, and conduct research on the International Space Station to further the needs of both educational and commercial clients. Kentucky Space has been called upon by

NanoRacks to assist in the design and integration of U.S. research payloads which will fly aboard the international space station starting in mid-2010.

The possibilities of what we can do outside the Earth's atmosphere are endless and include great promise for all nations and all people. This broadening of our current use of the space station opens doors to the endless opportunities for research in technologies ranging from new medical treatments and equipment to alternative clean energy. These technologies will create jobs and can improve quality of life as well as save lives. The need for this expansion is clear, and I am proud that Kentucky Space is a pioneer in this new realm.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in applauding Kentucky Space along with NASA, the Augustine Commission and the White House for their work and support in furtherance of cost-efficient space research. The movement toward new uses of our space station will assure the continued leadership of the U.S. in our exciting exploration of the universe.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS DUGAN

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize a heroic resident of the 4th District of California, Thomas Dugan of Roseville. This 11-year-old boy scout displayed courage and selflessness when he dove into a pool to save his young neighbor.

On September 20, 2008, while attending a neighbor's birthday party, Tom heard his 2-year-old neighbor, Cine, fall into his neighbor's pool. Without hesitation, Tom dove into the pool to save the drowning girl. Barely able to keep his head above water to breathe, Tom treaded water until he was able to push young Cine out of the pool and onto the deck.

For his bravery, Tom has been awarded the Boys Scouts of America Heroism Award. I am privileged and humbled to represent great constituents like Tom, and I wanted to take this brief opportunity today, Madam Speaker, to let my colleagues know of his great act of courage.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Interior Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 2996.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

H.R. 2996

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City of Monroe, Louisiana

Monroe Wastewater Treatment System—\$500,000. Portions of the wastewater collection system were constructed in the 1920s and